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INSIDE THE BELTWAY

Velled humor

Bob Woodward received the annual Navasky Prize at the Pumpkin Papers Irregulars banquet on Halloween night. He wasn't on hand to pick it up from presenter R. Emmett Tyrrell, editor of the American Spectator. Maybe it was because the award was presented for Mr. Woodward's book, "Vile." In the spirit of the Pumpkin Papers get-together, some liberties were taken with the original title of the work — "Veil."

With Sophia Casey sitting below the podium, Mr. Tyrrell said, "In this day of safe sex and spreading condoms, Woodward secreted himself into the bedroom of a man dying of cancer." Mr. Woodward didn't show up to receive his reward, Mr. Tyrrell said, "as he is probably in a cemetery overturning crucifixes ..."

United Nations Ambassador Vernon Walters was the featured speaker. In his honor, a song called "Vernon the Red-Bait Walters" was sung.

(To the tune of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer")

"Vernon the Red-Bait Walters, liked to give the Commies grief
 "Criticized Fidel Castro, bothered him beyond belief.

"All of the other Commies, used to laugh and call him names

"They missed old left-wing Andy, who always let them play their games!"

Christopher Manion, who played the guitar and wrote some of the lyrics for the evening's entertainment, said "I Biden-ize and you harmonize," as he invited the audience to sing along.

(To the tune of "Away in A Manager")

"Don't talk with that stranger who carries the cake

"Cause i-if you do-o we'll be at your wake

"The stars in his eyes mean he's bearing gifts

"From old Evil Satan to heal the rift."

(To the tune of "O Tanenbaum")
 "O Metzenbaum, O Metzenbaum,
 Reagan's judges get you down
 "They bug you morning, noon and night,

"They make you sound McCarthyite

"O Metzenbaum, O Metzenbaum, hero of the underground.

"O Metzenbaum, O Metzenbaum, all the leftists love the sound

"Conservatives you have to bash,

"To bring in all that campaign cash

"O Metzenbaum, O Metzenbaum, will you never come around?"

("Hymn to the Mole" was sung to the tune of "The Lord Moves in Mysterious Ways")

"From Greenland's icy mountains

"To India's coral strands

"Our cosmo-mole in orbit

"Observes and understands.

"And with his chum, the cagey bee,

"He visits ev'ry flower,

"To ferret sweets from honey traps

"To thus improve his power.